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Patent No. : 7,392,633 Confirmation No. 3507
Inventors : Heil et al.
Issued : July 1, 2008
Title : Device and Method for Processing Packages Which Are Continuously Prepared on Carrier Elements
Examiner : John Sipos
Customer No. : 28289

REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION OF PATENT

Commissioner for Patents
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ATTENTION: Decision and Certificate of Correction
Branch of the Patent Issue Division
Sir:

In accordance with 35 U.S.C. §255, we attach hereto Form PTO/SB/44 and proof of error and request that a Certificate of Correction be issued in the above-identified patent. The following error appears in the patent as printed:

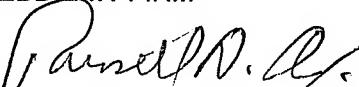
Column 5, Lines 22-23, Claim 1, "on their two facing the cycle belts"
should read: – on their two outer sides facing the cycle belts –
(See the Preliminary Amendment dated December 22, 2005, which shows claim 21 with the Examiner' s Amendment entered thereon. Claim 21 issued as Claim 1.)

The above error was made by the Examiner in an Examiner' s Amendment, but not initially detected by Applicants. In his Amendment accompanying the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner inadvertently deleted “outer sides” from the claim, creating an incomplete claim structure. The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$100.00 for correction of Applicants’ error in not detecting this mistake by credit card, the information for which is being submitted concurrently herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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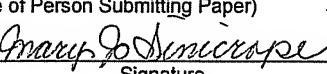
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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 5, Lines 22-23, "on their two facing the cycle belts" should read
-- on their two outer sides facing the cycle belts --

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

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Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. P. Olosky on October 24, 2007. The amendments were made to clarify the apparatus recited in the claims.

In claim 21, line 2, "", especially beverage packs," has been deleted.

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***in line 3, after "are", --slideably-- has been inserted and after "belt," --the device having a drawing roller on each side of the conveyor belt whose axes of rotation are perpendicular to the plane of the conveyor belt,--;

***in line 5, "revolve in a plane parallel", has been replaced with --move in a plane perpendicular--;

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***in lines 8 and 9, ", characterized in that...conveyor belt," has been replaced with --to contact said support elements therebetween,--; and

***in the last line of the claim, "outer sides" has been replaced with --facing the cycle belts to contact said belt toothed structures--.

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Claims 29-40, being directed to the non-elected invention, have been cancelled.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art doesn't show an apparatus that comprises support elements for supporting packages that are slideably mounted on a conveyor belt, a pair of drawing rollers on the

→ We believe this is how the Examiner meant the correction to read.

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: PREPARED ON CARRIER ELEMENTS
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract are reflected on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Please cancel original claims 1-20 and replace these claims with the following rewritten claims.

EA. 1 21. (New) A device for supplying and processing packages arranged on support elements, especially beverage packs, with a continuously running conveyor belt; wherein the support elements are arranged on the conveyor belt, wherein two revolving cycle belts are provided after the drawing rollers seen in the running direction of the conveyor belt, wherein the cycle belts revolve in a plane parallel to the plane of the conveyor belt, wherein the cycle belts each have a side facing the other cycle belt and the sides facing one another run parallel to one another at a distance which corresponds to the width of the support elements, characterised in that two drawing rollers are provided on the right and left of the conveyor belt, whose axes of rotation are perpendicular to the plane of the conveyor belt, the cycle belts have a toothed structure on the sides facing one another and that the support elements are provided with a toothed structure on their two outer sides, *facing the cycle belts to contact said belt toothed structures.*

2 22. (New) The device according to claim 21, wherein the cycle belts are constructed as toothed belts which are each guided by two toothed-belt disks.

3 23. (New) The device according to claim 21, wherein a sensor is provided to detect a draw-in position of the support elements.

4 24. (New) The device according to claim 21, wherein the front teeth and rear teeth of the support elements seen in the transport direction have an enlarged spacing compared with the middle teeth.

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Amd. *the device having a drawing roller on each side of the conveyor belt whose axes of rotation are perpendicular to the plane of the conveyor belt,

The words "outer sides" must remain for the claim to make sense.